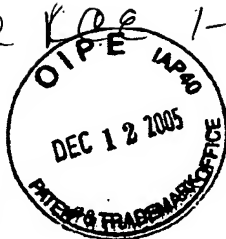


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TAKASHI SASAKI : EXAMINER: BATTAGLIA, M.  
SERIAL NO: 10/092,886 :  
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FOR: OPTICAL DISC DEVICE AND :  
CONTROL METHOD USING :  
PRECEDING SUB-BEAM TO DETECT A  
DISC DEFECT

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.